State	Foodgrains* Allocated (lakh MTs)	Cash assistance for Employment generation (Rs. in crores)
Tamil Nadu	4.50	-
Uttaranchal	0.50	-
Uttar Pradesh	2.00	-

*from Special Component of SGRY.

UGC guidelines on admission to private self-financing medical and engineering colleges

*100. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC guidelines on admission are also applicable to private self-financing medical and engineering colleges, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any guidelines for fixing number of students to be admitted on merits and the fees to be collected from them in the private self-financing medical and engineering colleges;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reason therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to formulate guidelines for admission criteria and fees in private self-financing medical and engineering colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (e) Consequent upon the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in TMA Pai Case (W.P. No. 317 of 1993), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has notified Interim Policy Regulations in the Gazette on 20th March, 2003. These will be applicable to all such technical institutions and technial programmes which are governed by the existing regulations of AICTE. The Interim Regulations, *inter alia*, provide that the seats including the seats reserved for management must be filled up through Joint Entrance Test/Common Entrance Test conducted by Central/State Government or University followed by counselling as per

present practice. However, the private unaided institutions may fill up the management seats by having their own counselling in an objective and transparent manner taking the students from same merit list prepared on the basis of Joint Entrance Test/Common Entrance Test of Central/State Government. With regard to fee, the Interim Policy Regulations provide that, in order to facilitate the technical institutions to work out a reasonable fee structure, the AICTE in pursuance of its statutory obligations under the AICTE Act would formulate suitable guidelines for fee fixation. The interim regulations provide that, as an interim arrangement, the State Governments, may decide a uniform fee structure to be made applicable to all the students including those of management seats, for the current academic year through its fee committee.

According to the information furnished by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, following the Supreme Court Judgement in TMA Pai Case (W.P.No. 317 of 1993), the Central Government issued policy guidelines to State Governments/UTs on May 14, 2003 with regard to admission and fee structure in private self-financing medical colleges. As regards merit based admissions, these guidelines, in general, stipulate that at least 75% of total seats in an institution are filled up from students who have passed the common entrance test conducted by the State agency. The Managements of private institutions can fill up upto the maximum of 25% of seats through any rational and transparent method of selection devised by institutions subject to the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria prescribed by the State. The policy guidelines further authorize the States/UT Governments to constitute Standing Committee at the State level to monitor the fee charged by the institutions.

Certain issues pertaining to the guidelines have been challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Investment in agriculture

562. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the investment in agriculture as a percentage of GDP during the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans;

(b) the target set for the Tenth Five Year Plan;